Boundary Dispute Between Orissa and Adjacent States

840. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken by the Central Government to resolve the boundary dispute between Orissa and its adjacent States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and since when the dispute has been pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Government of India is of the view that border disputes between the States should be resolved primarily by the State Governments concerned through discussions and mutual accommodation. The Government of Orissa has not sought Central intervention at present to resolve its boundary disputes with its neighbouring States.

Citizens Identity Card Scheme

841. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 193, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 1999 and state:

(a) what is the present stage of the proposal to introduce multipurpose National Identity Cards to all the citizens of the country;

(b) the estimated amount of money and manpower required for this purpose;

(c) whether the voters' identity cards issued by the Election Commission would be done away with; if not, the reasons for double expenditure for the same purpose; and

(d) what safeguards have been taken to remove the apprehensions of the people, especially those belonging to the minority community, against the possible misuse of these cards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) A Feasibility study is being made regarding the Multipurpose National Identity Cards Scheme in the country. Further action would be taken on receipt of the feasibility report. The study would also cover all aspects relating to people's perceptions about the scheme.

Terrorism by Foreign Mercenaries in J and K

842. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mercenaries from almost 14 countries are involved in the Pak aided and abetted unrest and terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the results achieve so far in dealing with these foreign mercenaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the State Government a total of 110 foreign mercenaries have been arrested and 1252 killed in J and K during the period 1st Jannuary, 1990 to 31st October, 1999 as per the country wise break up indicated below:

No.	Name of country	No. of foreign Killed	Mercenaries Arrested
1.	Pakistan/POK	349	93
2.	Afghanistan	1621	14
3.	Egypt	7	
4.	Sudan		
5.	Yeman	4	—
6.	Lebnan	—	1
7.	Behrain	2	—
8.	Chechnia	1	—